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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are deeply  
3 saddened to learn of the death of Stanley B. Balbach, Sr. of  
4 Savoy, who passed away on November 12, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, Stanley Balbach, Sr. was born on December 26,  
6 1919, in Normal to Nyle Jacob and Gertrude (Cory) Balbach; he  
7 married Sarah T. Witherspoon on May 22, 1944, in Jonesboro,  
8 Arkansas; and

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WHEREAS, Stanley Balbach, Sr. attended schools in  
10 Kankakee, Urbana, Champaign, Evanston, and Chicago; he  
11 graduated from Chenoa High School in 1936, the University of  
12 Illinois in 1940, where he was a member of Army ROTC and the  
13 Alpha Kappa Lambda Fraternity, and from the University of  
14 Illinois School of Law in 1942; and

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WHEREAS, Stanley Balbach, Sr. was a 2nd Lieutenant in the  
16 Army, serving in the Horse Cavalry, Tank Destroyer, and Army  
17 Air Corps, and ultimately becoming a captain, teaching flying  
18 during World War II; following the war, he moved to Hoopeston,  
19 where he practiced law for two years; he then moved to Urbana,  
20 where he practiced law for almost 32 years; and

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WHEREAS, Stanley Balbach, Sr. served in many legal

1 organizations throughout his lifetime, including being  
2 involved in bar association work at the local, state, and  
3 national levels; he served as an Illinois delegate and chairman  
4 to the American Bar Association (ABA) Junior Bar Conference; he  
5 also served with the American Judicature Society, the Real  
6 Estate Practice Committee of the Senior Lawyers Division of the  
7 ABA, and the Standing Committee on Lawyers Title Guaranty Funds  
8 of the ABA; he served with the Illinois State Bar Association  
9 (ISBA) as vice-chair of the Section on Commercial and  
10 Bankruptcy Law and as secretary of the Committee on Bar  
11 Economics as well as being a member of the Elder Law Section  
12 Council; and

13 WHEREAS, Stanley Balbach, Sr. has given back to his  
14 community in promoting local real estate developments, aiding  
15 the aging community, and encouraging improvements in local air,  
16 rail, and bus transportation through over 30 years of service  
17 as co-chair of the Transportation Committee of the Champaign  
18 County Chamber of Commerce; for his work in the area of  
19 transportation, he was issued his own honorary bus stop; and

20 WHEREAS, Stanley Balbach, Sr. has been recognized with  
21 numerous awards, including the Board of Governor's Award from  
22 the ISBA in 1994, the annual Tradition of Excellence Award from  
23 the ISBA General Practice, Solo, and Small Firm Section in  
24 2000, the Community Service Award of the Urbana Exchange Club

1 in 2000, and the Arthur H. Larson Leadership Award of the East  
2 Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging in 1999; he was an Eagle  
3 Scout in the Boy Scouts of America, a member of the Urbana  
4 Rotary Club, the Urbana American Legion Post 71, the Urbana  
5 Masonic Lodge No. 157, a 2006 Pillar of the of the Champaign  
6 County Bar, ISBA Senior Counsellor in 1992, and ISBA Academy of  
7 Illinois Lawyers Laureate in 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Stanley Balbach, Sr. was preceded in death by his  
9 son, Jacob; and

10 WHEREAS, Stanley Balbach, Sr. is survived by his wife,  
11 Sarah; his son, Byron (Jeanne) Balbach; his daughters, Nancy  
12 (Tom) Fehr, Barbara (Jack) Balbach-Haines, and Edith Balbach;  
13 his 6 grandchildren; his 2 step-grandchildren; his 7  
14 great-grandchildren; his seven step-great-grandchildren; and a  
15 step-great-great-grandchild; therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
17 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the passing of  
18 Stanley Balbach, Sr., and we extend our sincere condolences to  
19 his family, friends, and all who knew and loved him; and be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
22 presented to the family of Stanley Balbach, Sr. as an

1 expression of our deepest sympathy.